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It doesn't take much to be Drew Pearson:



Just guts.

And integrity...
and initiative...
and judgment...
and awareness.
And all the other
things that make
newspapermen
glad Pearson is a
newspaperman:

“Drew Pearson has done it again. His persistent reporting of the curious relationship between Connecticut's Democratic Sen. Thomas J. Dodd and Gen. Julius Klein, a registered public relations representative for the West German government, has become a national story too big for Pearson's syndicated column.

“Now Pearson finds himself under attack: The Justice Department is looking into how Pearson came into possession of documents from Dodd's files.

“What is most disturbing is the Justice Department's involvement. Pestering Pearson gives the impression that the department thinks it is worse for a senator's staffers to reveal his correspondence than whatever might be the reason for their actions.

“The columnist and the senator are on a collision course which is certain to hurt one of them. We're betting it won't be the columnist.”

“What is disturbing about the case is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Attorney General Katzenbach apparently are questioning some of Mr. Pearson's sources.

“Since Mr. Dodd has powerful friends in the White House and federal agencies, there is bound to be the ugly suspicion that someone is trying to discredit Mr. Pearson's case by showing he obtained the evidence in an irregular manner.

“The point here is not how Mr. Pearson obtained his information, but whether his charges stand up. That is what the Senate Committee on Standards and Conduct is honor-bound to determine. Any other inquiry is out of order at this time.”

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch

“Grave charges of misconduct in office have been leveled against Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) by columnist Drew Pearson. Some of these accusations go far beyond alleged unethical practices. They involve charges that Dodd siphoned political campaign funds into his private bank account.

“Newspapers throughout the country have reported the bulk of Pearson's charges. His sharp attack against Dodd is too widely known, and too detailed, for the Ethics Committee to sweep the matter under the rug of a closed hearing room.

“The Senate must resolve this present situation promptly, cleanly, and without equivocation. Unless it does, a shameful shadow will fall across a great legislative institution, which no amount of pious doubletalk can drive away.”

“There is a larger question raised by the series of claims made against the Senator: That is, the Senate itself, and its unwillingness either to establish ethical standards or to enforce them.

“The Senate Ethics Committee has thus far displayed more interest in how the documents on which the accusations are based fell into the hands of Pearson and his associate Jack Anderson. But the criticism having been made, Mr. Dodd certainly should be given the chance to put the public record in order.”

— The Hartford Courant

“Between Jan. 24 and Mar. 1 columnist Drew Pearson published some 13 documented reports on alleged activities of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) and his relations with Gen. Julius Klein, lobbyist and a registered agent for West German interests.

“By tradition the Senate Ethics Committee doesn't meet unless a Senator asks that it investigate him — perhaps the major reason it meets so seldom. Yet the Ethics Committee is empowered to meet and act on its own.

“Dodd is an important Senator. His reputation and that of the Senate itself require that these serious charges be fully investigated.”

— The Milwaukee Journal

What does it take to put Pearson on your editorial pages? Just write, wire or call collect to find out. John Osenenko has the answers.

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